

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In the Office Action of May 13, 2004, the Examiner determined that Claims 1 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner further determined that Claims 1-12 and 14-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, Claims 6 and 12 have been amended to overcome the informalities identified by the Examiner. Similarly, Claims 1, 3, 10, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended better to define the claimed invention and overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections. Accordingly, Claims 1-17 stand allowable.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,



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